

The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 25.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

Gen. Meigs left yesterday on the steamer Europe for Beaufort, N. C., to superintend the erection of depots for the storage of supplies for the U. S. armies now operating in the South.

Acting Master's Mate, Silas W. Kempton, a young officer recently from Fort Fisher, was lost overboard and drowned, from a steamer in the Chesapeake bay, in the gale of the 23d.

The property of Malvina Frye, now in Richmond, and of Dr. S. J. Cockerell, now in the South, situated in Washington county, D. C., has been seized under the Confiscation act.

A squad of Confederate deserters, numbering 215, arrived in Washington, yesterday, from City Point.

The gold and produce markets declined still further yesterday than the day before. At the first board in New York gold fell to 148; at the second board it rose to 153, at the night board it reached 153½. Produce and merchandise retained the downward tendency. Flour declined 20@30c.; wheat, 3@5c.; pork, \$2 50 per barrel; cotton, 5 cents.

Secretary McCullough has decided, in the matter of the cotton captured at Savannah, to reimburse every "loyal" owner the value of the cotton belonging to him which was seized and sent north. The object of Secretary McCullough in adopting this policy is said to be to render the loyalists in the Southern States averse from burning their cotton to prevent it from falling into Federal hands.

Another serious railroad accident is chronicled this morning. It occurred on the New York Central, about two miles west of Oriskany, in Oneida county. Rev. Dr. Charles Stark and Christopher Higgins, of said county, were killed, and between twenty and thirty others injured.

Counterfeit coupons, dated March 1, 1865, are in circulation. Some have been detected at Baltimore.

A detailed account of the consular imbroglio at Matamoras, Mexico, shows that the reports of acts hostile or insulting to the former representative of the U. S. Government in any respect, were incorrect.

California dates to the 18th note the free offer of subscriptions to the seven-thirty loan. The money market was easier than ever before, mining stocks ruling dull, trade rather dull.

Postmaster General Dennison has invited proposals for conveying the mails by means of a monthly line of first class sea-going steamships between San Francisco and ports in the Chinese Empire, touching at the Sandwich Islands and Japan.

Louis Napoleon has lost one of his most intimate and trusted friends in the death of Charles Augustus Louis Joseph de Morny, Count and Minister of the new empire. He was the son of Queen Hortense, the mother of Louis Napoleon.

The late news from Mexico, in regard to the breach which has taken place between Maximilian and the Church is significant and important.

Lobbyists at Harrisburg have been attempting to extort heavy bribes for unnecessary efforts to secure the passage of the Atlantic and Great Western R. R. Company bill.

An enthusiastic meeting in behalf of refugees and deserters from the Confederate army, was held in Philadelphia on Thursday evening.

Arkansas has been taken from General Canby's division, and has been added to that of General Pope.

The exchange of all naval officers delivered at Red River Landing, La., on the 26th of February, has been effected by the delivery of Confederate naval officers at Mobile, on the 4th inst., together with the delivery of Admiral Buchanan at Richmond about the same time.

The Maryland House of Delegates has concurred in the resolution of the committee of elections, declaring the election of Judge Grason, as Judge of the eighth judicial circuit, (Baltimore county,) a nullity. The report alleges as the grounds for the action that in April, 1861, Mr. Grason was a member of the Baltimore county "Horse Guards," and in that capacity resisted the passage through the State of certain Penn. troops, ordered by the President of the U. S. to Washington city for the defense of the capital.

The London correspondent of the N. Y. News still keeps up in his letters his talk about a secret treaty between France and the Confederate States—a story so often repeated, with no truth, that no body now regards it.

Gen. Paine, it is said, has been acquitted by the court martial at Paducah, and is now threatening those who complained of him.—The Louisville Journal says that when the charges against Paine were sent on to Washington, the Judge Advocate struck out those counts which arraigned him for ordering the summary execution of several persons at his quarters and for robbing the people of the district.

The banking house of Atwood, Spooner & Co., Birmingham, England, has failed, with liabilities for more than a million sterling.

There is a prospect of an accommodation between the masters and the workmen in the iron trade, in England. The "look out" of the masters brought matters to a crisis.

The Pope has declined to recognize the Convention between France and Italy, and declares that he will leave the question of the departure of the French troops from Rome to Providence.

"Professor" Blot has opened his new cooking academy, in N. Y., and gave the first of his series of lessons practically illustrated, on Thursday. A large number of ladies attended.

Col. Strother (Porte Crayon) is recommended for appointment to some diplomatic position abroad.

The panic in gold did not prevent the usual semi-annual opening of fashions, in New York yesterday, nor an unusually large attendance of ladies at the great millinery show.

Mr. Rumble, the British officer who took the Rappahannock out of Calius, has been allowed to retire on half pay.

Gen. Wilson's cavalry left Eastport, Miss., on the 17th, for a raid through Alabama.

It is reported that the banking house of Miller & Karst, in St. Louis, yesterday, failed. Their liabilities are not yet ascertained.

New York is to have a paid fire department.

A man coming home late one night, a little more than "half-seas over," feeling thirsty, procured a glass of water and drank it. In doing so he swallowed a small ball of silk which lay at the bottom of the tumbler, the end catching in his teeth. Feeling something, he began pulling at the end, and the little ball unrolling he soon had several feet in his hands, and still no end appeared. "Wife wife!—I say, wife, come here! I am all unravelling!"

NOTICE.—TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—All persons who have goods remaining at my store, said goods having been purchased at the late auction sale, are hereby notified that unless the goods be called for by TUESDAY, the 28th instant, they will be re-sold, and the original purchaser held accountable for any deficiency that may result from re-selling said goods.
mh 28-3t HENRY SCHWARZ.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Richmond papers of Monday last publish the reply of the Senate Select Committee to Mr. Davis's recent message, which charged Congress with dilatoriness, in refusing to arm the negroes, etc. The reply is very severe. The Senators tell him that, not at their door, but at the door of the Executive, lies the blame of having delayed the arming of the negroes; and make various other allegations against Executive action. The Richmond Sentinel says, "in reference to the Senatorial report we think it was put forth without necessity, that its acerbity and its sarcasms are not what the country can approve, and that it will not by mere speciousness blind the reader to facts notorious to every one."

The Richmond Examiner says "the supply of provisions in Richmond is just now limited, and it is absolutely necessary that no mouth remain here to be fed which can be removed and fed elsewhere. The city council has moved in the matter, and we hope that much good may come of it."

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Central Lunatic Asylum, at Staunton, report, that during Gen. Sheridan's raid, a large quantity of supplies for the institution, consisting of flour, bacon, corn, shoes, &c., were carried off or destroyed by a detachment of Federal cavalry.

The Richmond papers say that the recruiting of negroes for the Confederate army is going on rapidly.

[COMMUNICATED.]

That the Rents for houses in this place, have, in many instances, been too high, is undoubted; and that they are now, with almost everything else, declining, and must come down still lower, is equally certain. The high rents, were, however, according to the old rule; the supply was inadequate to the demand. Nobody would build houses under the present circumstances; and, among these circumstances, was the uncertainty of obtaining the rents at all. Look at the suits for unlawful detainer; the conduct of tenants in hundreds of instances; &c. Landlords, for the risks, charged a higher premium. There was no certainty of the continuance in a store or house, of a tenant, for any time; houses rented, were subletted for prices higher than the owner obtained; and buildings were defaced, and injured without scruple. I am a renter myself, and have felt these evils in their bearing upon my own case. With a permanent, reliable population here, even with a large increase of numbers, rents would never have been as high as they have been. But, as I have said, these things are passing away, and rents must decline—because gold is declining, business here is declining, and many transient people here are or soon will be leaving. L. C.

DIED.

On the 24th instant, of congestion of the brain, Mrs. JANE E. EDELLIN, in her 39th year. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral at her late residence, No. 149 Oronoco street, on Sunday, the 25th instant, at 3 o'clock.

FURTHER REDUCTION IN SUGARS.

Best Crushed Sugar at	26 cts.
A Coffee	25 cts.
B "	24 cts.
Best Porto Rico	23 cts.
" Eng'h Island	20 cts.
Good Cuba	18 cts.
" Brown Sugar	16 cts.

W. F. HENDERSON.
mh 24-3t No 225, King st., cor. Alfred.

FOR RENT.

WAREHOUSE, No. 5, fronting the Ferry Wharf, near King street with 100 feet dock, or water front. Edificiously situated for business. Apply on the premises.
mh 24-1w

FOR SALE.—Several FRAME HOUSES, nearly new, containing six rooms each.
JOHN H. BRENT.
mh 24-60t 202, Prince street.